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Please find attached a statement filed to accompany an information disclosure (PTO/SB/08a) filed 10/22/2004 for pending application 09/287,478 per 37CFR1.97(d)(1) and 37CFR1.97(e)(2).

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There would seem to be an interference between the claims of 6,530,065 and the present application. Specifically, this patent claims in Claim 1 (and similarly, in claim 4):

Claim 1. . A method for simulating a circuit in a client-server environment, wherein a network couples at least one client computer to a server computer, the method comprising:

at the client computer, presenting a visual display, wherein the visual display includes a visual depiction of a particular circuit having two or more components, and wherein at least one of the depicted components is linked to one or more user interface controls for receiving user input to change component characteristic data for the depicted component;

providing executable code to the client computer from the server computer;

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at the server computer, generating simulation data that represents one or more characteristics of a signal that would be generated in the particular circuit during operation of the particular circuit;

sending the simulation data over the network from the server computer to the client computer;

at the client computer, generating a first simulation display based on the simulation data for operation of the particular circuit;

receiving user input at the client computer; and

at the client computer and without requesting additional simulation data from the server computer, generating a second simulation display based on the simulation data, wherein the second simulation display displays the simulation data differently than the first simulation display, and wherein the second simulation display is generated in response to the user input and in response to executing by the client computer the executable code.

In the present invention, the simulation data is sent in the form of plot data, and a second display in response to a user interface change was specifically demonstrated in Fig 4-K. A zoom function is demonstrated using a scaled version of the identical static plot, as well as by making use of Adobe Acrobat as a target plot format (which allows zooming). It was also anticipated that the raw simulation data could be sent to a Java plotting applet for further processing, as had been widely done in many applications before the filing date of 6,530,065.